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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS -- VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF GOM
HERBICIDE SPECIALISTS

REF: (A) STATE 116954, (B) MEXICO 0892

1. WE WELCOME THE VISIT OF THE GOM HERBICIDE SPECIALISTS. RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR FOUR SINGLES, JUNE 5, 6, 7, 8. PLANS FOR THE VISIT ARE AS FOLLOWS: CONTROL OFFICER, RICHARD A. DUGSTAD, WILL MEET THE MEXICAN TEAM AT NATIONAL AIRPORT, EASTERN 904, JUNE 5 AT 8:26 P.M. AND ESCORT THEM TO THE HAY-ADAMS HOTEL, 800 16TH STREET, N.W. (TEL 638-2260) WASHINGTON.

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2. THE U.S. TEAM WILL CONSIST OF:

(A) DR. WALTER GENTNER, CHIEF, DIVISION OF HERBICIDES AND NARCOTICS, USDA. EXPERIENCE IN MEXICO CONSULTING ON HERBICIDE PROGRAM. LEADER OF TEAM. DEGREE IN PHYSIOLOGY.

(B) DR. QUENTIN JONES, INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS, COORDINA-

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TOR, USDA. EXPERIENCED PARTICIPANT IN INTERNATIONAL FORA CONCERNING NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM. DEGREE IN BIOLOGY.

(C) DR. LOWELL T. HARMISON, SCIENCE ADVISER, OFFICE OF HEALTH POLICY, RESEARCH AND STATISTICS, US,.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, HEW. PH.D. IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND PHYSIOLOGY.

(D) DR. PHILIP J. LANDRIGAN, M.D. CHIEF, SPECIAL STUDIES BRANCH, CHRONIC DISEASES DIVISION, BUREAU OF EPIDEMIOLOGY, CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL.

(E) DR. J. HENRY WILLS, SENIOR REVIEWER, DIVISION OF CRITERIA, DOCUMENTATION, AND STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL. PH.D. IN PHYSIOLOGY.

3. ADDITIONALLY, REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS STATE OFFICES INCLUDING S/NM, ARA, AND OES WILL ATTEND THE MEETINGS; HOWEVER, THE NUMBER WILL BE KEPT AT A MINIMUM TO FOSTER A SUBSTANTIVE DIALOGUE AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL BETWEEN THE TWO TEAMS.

4. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND AGENDA:

TEAM LEADERS WILL SERVE AS CO-CHAIRMEN; CONTROL OFFICER CONFIDENTIAL

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WILL COORDINATE ACTIVITIES.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6 - CONTROL OFFICER WILL MEET AND ESCORT GOM TEAM FROM HOTEL AT 9:30 A.M. TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING FOR MEETING AT 10:00 A.M. WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DRUG POLICY OFFICE.

11:00-12:30 - ROOM 7333, STATE DEPARTMENT, SENIOR ADVISER, MATHEA FALCO, AND ARA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, RICHARD ARELLANO, WILL WELCOME THE GOM TEAM. GENERAL DISCUSSION TO ESTABLISH COMMON AGENDA.

12:30-2:00 - LUNCH AT THE FOREIGN SERVICE CLUB.

2:00-5:00 - ROOM 1912, STATE DEPARTMENT. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION: -

-- BACKGROUND OF GOM EXPERIENCE AND TESTING WITH HERBICIDES.

-- GOM LAWS AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING HERBICIDES.

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-- STATUS OF U.S. RESEARCH AND TESTING ON HERBICIDES.

-- U.S. CONTROLS ON HERBICIDE USE - CDC REPORTS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE ABOVE CATEGORIES SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE CONTEXT OF ERADICATION EFFECTIVENESS, ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT, AND HEALTH CONCERN FOR HANDLERS AND CONSUMERS. THE AGENDA INTENTIONALLY WILL BE KEPT FLEXIBLE IN ORDER TO AFFORD MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS IN EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL VIEWS.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7:

9:00-12:00 - MEETING AT STATE DEPARTMENT. TOPICS:
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-- CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE.

-- 30-DAY TEST OF DYE IN MEXICO.

-- POSSIBLE ROLE OF USG IN FIELD TESTS.

-- ONGOING CONSULTATIONS.

-- SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS.

5. A NOTE-TAKER WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE MEETINGS. WEDNESDAY P.M. OR THURSDAY A.M., A VISIT WILL BE ARRANGED TO USDA AT BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND FOR INSPECTION OF CURRENT TESTING. OTHER VISITS, AS APPROPRIATE, TO THE INTERESTS OF THE TEAMS MAY BE ARRANGED. ADDITIONAL MEETINGS WILL BE ARRANGED, DEPENDENT UPON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TECHNICAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TEAMS. COPIES OF U.S. HERBICIDE STUDIES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE MEETINGS. CHRISTOPHER

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